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Carl Wolf Awarded Medal Of Merit At Club's Annual Awards Banquet

Club Secretary/Treasurer Carl F. Wolf was awarded the Club's highest honor, the Medal of Merit, at last month's Annual Awards Banquet. The presentation was made by Club President Richard Hartzog, who cited Mr. Wolf's dedication, hard work, and outstanding contributions to the Club.

"It is truly an honor to receive this award, as in the past it has not been awarded every year," said Mr. Hartzog in his presentation address. "The Medal of Merit is awarded only when the committee feels that some member is deserving of it." Some of the past winners have been Frank Zaylik, Chester Poderski, Gerda Berkholtz, Leah Klein, and Harry X Boosel.

The Medal of Merit was one of 28 awards made to Club members at the Como Inn Restaurant December 9. Other awards included three Richard McP. Cabeen awards for best exhibits. The first-place award went to Barbara Goldfreed for her many informative exhibits of silver dollars. The second- and third-place awards were declared a tie, and went to Richard Hartzog for his numerous displays of tokens and medals, and to Carl Wolf for his fascinating exhibits of ancient Greek coins.

Five awards for guest speakers were also made. Winners included Walter R. Persche for a program on gold coins and coin investment; William Nawrocki for his lecture on the sculptures and engravings of James Earl Frasier; William Pettit for an interesting account of his numismatic experiences on his trip to the Philippines and the Far East; Ann Dillon for a presentation on the Federal Reserve; and Donn Pearlman for his presentation on numismatic fraud and misleading advertising of numismatic material.

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A jubilant Carl Wolf (left) accepts the Medal of Merit from Club President Richard Hartzog at the Club's Annual Awards Banquet.

January Program To Focus On Morgan Dollar Varieties

A slide presentation on Morgan dollar varieties will be the highlight of the January meeting. The 34-slide presentation has been furnished to the Club by the American Numismatic Association, and was developed by Leroy C. Van Allen, famed silver dollar expert and co-author of the acclaimed Van Allen-Mallis Morgan and Peace Dollar Encyclopedia.

The presentation includes many micro-photographs showing the various and subtle aspects of each variety. This particular presentation has been in great demand since it was first released a year ago, and should be a delight to expert and novice alike.

Numismaticitis: A Non-Fatal Social Disease

By William S. Nawrocki

Numismatists can be funny, daunting, and at times extremely ridiculous. Recalling an article I once clipped from a publication that serves to pacify these weary individuals, and at this point in need of some sort of introduction to this study, I quote:

"Warning. . .Numismaticitis. . .Very contagious. Symptoms: Never has enough time to get all those coins sorted and put into albums. Breaks out into a cold sweat when near a jar of coins or exploring a strange attic. Frequently checks price lists and mumbles to self, and is deaf to spouse, children and friends. No known cure. There were more than 25 million cases reported in the United States last year. Have you been affected? If so, go to the nearest coin club and join. Associate with others who have the disease."

Well, I can very well confirm the above report, and from my experiences with such ill affected persons, I've made some observations. At first sight, these individuals appear normal. In reality, they are sharp-sighted and highly motivated squirrels who compulsively hoard anything that shines, rings, or catches their eye. Some prefer medals, others gold, world coins, proofs, or coins of old. Some are ragpickers (paper money addicts) and some are error collectors; those who collect what everybody else doesn't want.

Let us examine one of those cases more closely. Consider the collector of errors. There are no bounds to the error collector's mad pursuit, and after taking a closer look at these creatures I've come to the conclusion that these individuals have the worse symptoms of the disease. It appears that heaven has been bombarded with requests, prayers, and offerings of sacrifice for the slightest disfigurement of all coins of the realm. And, much to my amazement, some of the more ridiculous suggestions have been answered by the Almighty. I once overheard a friend mumble such a request to the Grand Old Man upstairs. "Oh Lord on high who gave us TV dinners, the Rolls Royce, and the 1804 silver dollar, please let me find in my mint

sealed bag of cents a triple-struck cent on a nickel planchet double-clipped with a full date. A meager request, I know, but a reasonable one. May the minter who makes the shiny new coins be inefficient, four fingered, drunk, and somehow overlook the press long enough for it to bash a few the wrong way. And may the ladies who inspect the final product be short-sighted, a little tipsy, and pass the piece into my mint bag of goodies. . .please."

Numismatists are rather base materialists, as obsessed with money as the legendary King Midas, placing a value on everything they possess--paper, coins, tokens, wampum, etc. Indeed, it is a frightening experience for the non-combatant to be trapped among two or more such creatures for any length of time. Watching such humans involved in the phenomena of buying, selling, trading and double-dealing, reciting fact and figures, market quotes, and complaints of overgrading can be as fascinating as it is frustrating. Speaking a language singular to those afflicted by this disease, these individuals will continue the interchange until overcome by exhaustion, or the unlikely event that they both run out of gossip or money. And heaven help you if you unknowingly mishandle a coin between your thumb and index finger, or breath while handling a proof specimen.

Ever wonder what drives a grown man to devote his precious hours, days, months, and even years to the acquisition of specimens? Pure lust! Can a man be judged legally sane when he pays out his life savings to possess a certain coin or a misshapen cent? People have been put in strait jackets for less. You can be assured that numismatists are self-hypnotic and easily led to believe that a certain coin is an absolute must for their collection. Funny how a recent proof set worth ninety-one cents which chanced to miss being mint marked is now valued in the hundreds of dollars, while its counterpart is worth only a trifle over its original cost. Or can you believe the insanity of our government to sell silver dollars at market value with a pitch about historical Americana--how would you like to buy a pig in a poke? I never saw such a sorry lot of gullible humans as the hoards of victims who were willing to pay good folding money for such specimens. No wonder that forgers have had a field day selling their wares to unsuspecting collectors at supposedly bargain prices. Besides being afflicted with the aforementioned symptoms, collectors are pure-blooded masochists, desiring not to be cured of their affliction, but rather over-

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joyed at the prospect of being relieved of capital to fill a slot in their collection of cents or dimes.

Are coin collectors unscrupulous? I'll say they are. And what better way to bring out a numismatist's amorality than offering him a specimen he always wanted and couldn't have until now? It should be noted that an enthusiast or dealer in the art will never leave his collection alone in the presence of another such individual. If you want to see a spectacle which is comparable to the Circus Maximus, drop by a coin shop and watch the double-dealing and trading between a dealer and client. Noting the twinkle in the numismatist's eye, the dealer, as expected, comes out with the classic line: "Have I got a deal for you!" and then the fun begins.

Truly we numismatists are fanatics to the point of being neurotic, where nothing in life matters so much as acquiring a new piece and building a never greater collection. If the numismatist's home were engulfed in flames, the stout-hearted collector would risk life and limb to bail out his specimens, heaven forbid if they perish in the flames. After retrieving these precious treasures, he might think about his wife and children. The situation would be much worse for a ragpicker as paper really has a tendency to burn.

But let's look at the positive side of this disease. Numismatists are in fact a good lot of people, and governments could not survive without them. Sure, collectors hoard a lot of coins, but they keep the mint in business. They are ever-ready to pour their savings into new coins each year, depending on what strikes their fancy. It may be gold or silver or uncirculated or proof, but no matter how obvious it might be that they are being exploited by their own governments or others, they covet the right to purchase such specimens. They are staunch supporters of new countries as well as the old, which for the sake of money are forced to issue that high-valued coin (with apologies) to keep local dealers and collectors in tow. They are, in fact, God's gift to emerging nations.

Was it Churchill who said that this is our finest hour? Well, collecting is in its finest hour. Millions of people are now afflicted with the numismaticitis, not only because of the profit factor, but as a source of pleasure and a means of keeping one's sanity in a world of high prices, gas shortages, and the like. Long live the collectors!

Chatter Box

The Third Annual National Collectibles Exposition will take place March 13 and 14 at the O'Hare/Ramada Inn at Manheim and Higgins Rd., in Chicago. The exhibit will include a 720-booth bourse featuring all manner of collectibles, including tokens and medals, antique dolls, antique advertising, memorabilia, baseball cards, and much more. Dealer inquiries are invited. Admission is \$2.50. For more information call (312)726-6375.

Wanted: Circulation manager for the Chatter. Responsibilities will include keeping mailing list up-to date, folding and stuffing envelopes, mailing. Terms are negotiable. Contact Larry Natta.

Club member Donald Kagin, president of Kagin's Numismatic Investment Corp., headquartered in Des Moines, Ia., was recently seen on ABC-TV's morning show "Good Morning America." It was Mr. Kagin's second appearance on the show. A few months earlier he had been interviewed by Joan Lunden. At that time he brought with him three coins valued at \$1.5 million. Most recently he reviewed coin investment, commented on his new book, "Private Gold Coins and Patterns of the United States," and told of the famed Kagin Collection, valued at more than \$6 million, and now on display at the old San Francisco Mint.

An interesting exhibit of Franklin D. Roosevelt memorabilia will soon be on display at the University of Illinois Circle Campus Library. The library is located at 801 Morgan Ave., and will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from January 29 to April 12. The collection, considered to be one of the finest in the country, was donated by Chicago labor lawyer Joseph M. Jacobs. The exhibit is part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Roosevelt's birth, January 30, 1882.

Notes From The December Meeting

Following dinner at the Como Inn, the 755th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Richard Hartzog at 8:45 p.m. with 29 members and 16 guests present. Guests for the evening were Helen Wicklund, Michael Nolan, Bess Flower, Lillian Chalmers, Michael Gasparro, Barbara Shepherd, Priscilla Grundy, Olga Kruswicki, Kathleen Natta, Cindy Prince, Phyllis Johnson, Ralph Goldfreed, Jennie Sochon, Sharon Simek, Karen Nawrocki, and Eileen Peterson.

After a brief year-to-date Treasurer's Report was read, three applications for membership received first reading. They were: Eileen Peterson, Priscilla Grundy, and Jennie Sochon.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by magician Len Carrion. William Holm, chairman of the Awards Committee, presented the 1981 Program Speaker Awards. Winners of the Richard McP. Cabeen awards were: First Place, Barbara Goldfreed; and second place, Richard Hartzog and Carl Wolf. Following the recommendation of the Medal of Merit Committee, President Hartzog announced and presented the 1981 Medal of Merit to Carl Wolf.

The Club expressed its appreciation through separate rounds of applause to Harry X Boosel and his wife Tillie, Banquet Co-Chairpersons; William Holm and the Awards Committee, Barbara Goldfreed, Program Director, and Ed Milas, host of the cocktail hour. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Annual Awards Banquet. . .

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In addition, all Club members who exhibited material at regular meetings were presented with exhibit awards. They were: Harry Flower, Chester Poderski, Ben Odesser, Frank Zaylik, Harry X Boosel, David Simpson, Bill Baker, William Nawrocki, Stewart Koppel, Joel Reznick, Brian Stubbs, Judith Guyton, Dr. Emanuel Frazin, David W. Richie, William Grundy, Jack Simunic, David Wireman, Stanley Kruswicki, and Charles J. Ryant.

Boosel Mint Set Program Seeks "First" Coins Of 1982

Due to a misunderstanding, the terms of the Harry X Boosel 1982 mint set program were given incorrectly in last month's Chatter. The correct terms are as follows:

Two mint set holders have been filled with coins in good to fine condition, donated by Harry X Boosel. For the junior member who brings to a regular meeting the first 1982 coin per denomination and mint mark, he or she will receive the corresponding coin now in the mint set holder. The following coins now make up the two mint sets:

1982-P	1982-D
1942 Walking Liberty Half	1943 Walking Liberty Half
1905-O Barber Quarter	1929-S Liberty Quarter
1901-O Barber Dime	1927-D Mercury Dime
1895 Liberty Nickel	1920-S Buffalo Nickel
1891 Indian Head Cent	1906 Indian Head Cent

The junior member who brings in the first 1982-P Jefferson Nickel, for example, will receive the 1895 Liberty Nickel. The junior who brings in the first 1982-D Washington Quarter will receive the 1929-S Standing Liberty Quarter, and so on. In cases where there is a tie, a drawing will be held.

The purpose of the program is to increase the junior member's awareness of the new 1982 coins.

February Birthdays. . .

Tillie Boosel (2nd) Roy R Grundy (4th) Phyllis Pettit (2nd) David Kress (7th) Russell E. Porter (11th) Volker E. Dube (16th) Larry Natta (17th) Barbara Marshfield (20th) William Boss (21st) William Nawrocki (21st) Adaline Bebee (22nd) Walter Perschke (25th).

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March Meeting To Be Held At Chicago International Coin Fair

The Club's March meeting will be held in conjunction with the Seventh Annual Chicago International Coin Fair, scheduled for March 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago.

The meeting will take place Saturday, March 20 at 8:00 p.m. on the reception level of the East Tower, on Skyway 272. A notice of the meeting will appear in the official CICF program.

The event will feature more than 100 dealers from the United States and overseas. Last year eight local coin clubs (including ours) held meetings in conjunction with the fair, and attendance for the entire event reached 3,000.

A four-session auction will also take place at the fair, and will be jointly-sponsored by Chicago's RARCOA and the Numismatic Antiquarian Service Corp., of Rockville Center, N.Y.

Included in the educational forum will be a repeat of the popular seminar "How to Collect and Invest in

Coins and Currency of the World." The seminar will be conducted by a panel of prominent investment experts.

Hartzog Embarks On Project To Catalog CCC Medals, Exonumia

Club President Richard Hartzog has begun work on a unique project aimed at collecting, photographing, and cataloging all medals and other exonumia of Chicago numismatic organizations. The project will include all material produced by the Chicago Coin Club, the Chicago Numismatic Roundtable, and the Chicago Numismatic Society. The results of his research, when completed, will be published in a booklet.

The entire universe of material includes about 200 items, according to Mr. Hartzog's estimate. He currently possesses about 150 pieces, including medals, encased postage stamps, items in leather and wood, rare trial pieces, ANA badges, and a number of items produced by Chicago numismatist J. Henri Ripstra.

However, much of the information necessary for a comprehensive catalog has been lost or destroyed. Therefore Mr. Hartzog has requested the assistance of Club members. Beginning in March, each issue of the Chatter will include a separate work sheet, containing a photograph of an item and all known information about it. Club members who have any information to add are requested to fill out the work sheet and return it to Mr. Hartzog.

"Do not assume that someone else will send in the information," says Mr. Hartzog. "I will publish monthly corrections based on new data. Depending upon weight limitations, from two to six medals will be covered each month. Therefore this will be a long and ongoing project."

Program For The February Meeting Is To Be Announced

The program for the February meeting has not yet been finalized, but the meeting will take place as scheduled---at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 10 at 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, 15th floor. An informal pre-meeting get-together will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the East Bar of Burghoff's restaurant at 17 West Adams, Chicago. Members will meet for cocktails then adjourn to the dining room for a meal. All members and guest are invited.

Brand Speech Gives Insight Into The Character Of A Chicago Legend

Chicago numismatic legend Virgil M. Brand is back in the news again. The recent announcement that the "lost" half of his massive collection will soon be offered at auction has rekindled much interest in his life, his character, and his work. But despite the best research, Mr. Brand remains something of an enigma. He was a solitary man who disliked publicity. Very little was written about him. Perhaps the best insight into his character and philosophy may be gleaned from a reading of his address entitled "The Objects of Coin Collecting," made to the Chicago Numismatic Society in April of 1905. The speech constitutes a classic statement on the aims and ends of coin collecting.

Ask collectors their reason for collecting and almost invariably they answer that it is for recreation. With the greater number this is the paramount motive, and as recreation is a necessity as well as a diversion, a collection in providing it performs a service of no little value. But recreation is of several kinds and compensating mental recreation is more difficult to find than that of a physical character.

Perhaps the chief value of collecting is that it arouses so keen an interest in the objects collected, that research and study concerning them, which otherwise would have been uninteresting and irksome and might have received little or no attention, becomes an attractive recreation, and in consequence is made much more thorough and comprehensive. A prompt award for the expended effort is a greatly increased appreciation of the collected objects. Knowledge gained through an absorbing interest in the things to which it relates is fixed more firmly in the mind than if acquired with no such incentive. Nor will the impulse toward the acquisition of knowledge, thus given, easily exhaust itself as it will be constantly regenerated by the discovery of new material.

The foregoing applies equally to all collecting. Accepting the assertion as to its chief value, it follows that, except when the collector has a special interest in a particular class of objects, the most advantageous material to collect is that which requires the most general and widespread knowledge for its comprehension and appreciation. From this point of

view, coins and medals occupy a predominant position.

The majority, possibly, of coin collectors commence their cabinets with the single thought of finding amusement, and view collecting merely as a pastime, interesting and fascinating no doubt, but with no more substantial value than to employ agreeably a few idle hours. The acquisition, accidentally or otherwise, of one or more coins or medals, which are at the time unknown and strange to them arouse their curiosity, engenders a desire to possess other specimens with similar attributes---and thus they become collectors.

At this period they have no very clear idea of what they hope to accomplish; it is only when they have progressed sufficiently to realize the magnitude and unlimited resources of the numismatic field that they perceive the splendid and varying opportunities that coin collecting presents, and it is then that they define more clearly to themselves the objects and purposes for which they henceforth collect.

Naturally these will differ greatly and will vary according to the inclination of the individual, depending upon which features of numismatics appeal to him most forcibly. Some will find the speculative possibilities the greatest attraction, and will collect only for the purpose of financial gain; these, however, should be considered dealers, rather than collectors.

Many restrict their efforts to coins of a selected period or locality, or of a certain metal or denomination, or gather only specimens relating to one or more separate or related subjects. Collectors adopt a great variety of limitations, some of them unique. For example, one collector confined himself to coins from dies with errors, another to those bearing representations of animals, and still another limited the animals to elephants.

To the collector's zeal is now added a craving for knowledge, and his cabinet becomes a powerful and valuable influence in favor of education.

The branches of learning to which the science of numismatics is related are numerous, and many collectors specialize, selecting one or more of them, according to their inclination or interest. It is a part of archeology and is a valuable aid in the study of mythology, heraldry, iconography, and other subjects. But its relation is closest to history; in fact coins have been freely employed in revising the latter, and much valuable historical data rests entirely on their testimony.

In the domain of art, coins and medals occupy an

important place. They furnish instantaneous ocular proof of the attained stage in its development at all times, and are unimpeachable contemporaneous witnesses to its progress. Nothing will illustrate more strikingly the advance of art, from the crude attempts in the earliest times until it reached its greatest perfection centuries later---its gradual decline and almost total eclipse during the darkness and turmoil of the middle ages and its rejuvenation thereafter, than a series of coins ever provided. The features of numerous historical personages, as well as the costumes worn in past ages, are known to us only from coins and medals.

The true numismatist, while he may specialize in a kind or class of coins does not do so in his researches concerning those he collects, but strives to acquire a full knowledge of everything pertaining to them. He notes the size, weight, composition, shape and date of issue of each specimen and learns its name and place in the monetary system of the times. He investigates the cause of its rarity, if it is rare---due perhaps to it being of a small emission or of a recalled issue---and if the latter he tries to learn the cause for the recall. He translates the inscriptions, extending abbreviations in order to do so, discovers the application of quotations, when such are employed, and ascertains the significance of each device, symbol and letter.

Although the number of coin collectors has greatly increased in the last two decades, it is still relatively small, due, probably, to a variety of causes. Comparatively few people realize the endless entertainment a collection affords, not only for its possessor, but also for those whom he exhibits and explains the specimens; nor its potency as a spur to investigation and study generally understood. In addition, there is a widely prevailing impression that coin collecting is an expensive undertaking. This is not necessarily so, as the most valuable results can be obtained as well from inexpensive specimens as from their more costly relations. By inexpensive specimens is meant such which are so because of an ample supply, and not those which are cheap because of poor preservation. Well preserved specimens are by far the most satisfactory to study from, as the legibility of the inscriptions and the distinctness of the designs will assist much in avoiding error.

It should be peculiarly the task of numismatic organizations to disseminate knowledge as to the advantages and pleasures of coin collecting and to correct erroneous impressions in relation thereto.

Chatter Box

The Central States Numismatic Society will hold its 43rd Anniversary Convention in Cedar Rapids Iowa, April 29 to May 2. The event will take place at Five Seasons Center, 370 First Ave. For more information contact Bob Douglas at P.O. Box 123 Hiawatha, Iowa. There has been some interest expressed within the Club on chartering a bus to take Club members to the convention. Anyone interested in such a trip may contact Carl Wolf. The event is sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Coin Club, and will feature hundreds of dealers from all over the 13-state area.

March Birthdays: Charlotte Nagy (1st) Edgar W. Keller (4th) Jules L. Marshfield (4th) James R. Budd (7th) Bruno Rzepka (7th) Louis Bergmann (8th) A.P. Oberbiling (10th) Gregory Gaskill (16th) Dr. James I. Lore (19th) Charles Ricard (19th) Sidney Bick (20th) D.B. Siberman (25th) Arthur C. Allen (29th).

Junior members interested in ancient Greek, Roman, or Byzantine coins may be interested to know that the American Numismatic Association has an ongoing program in the field open only to young numismatists. Junior members may earn up to nine ancient coins by accomplishing certain reachable goals set down by the ANA. You must be an ANA member to take part in the program. For more information, write David Cervin, 6201 Adirondack Ave., Amarillo, Tex.

National Coin Week will be observed in 1982 the week of April 18-24th. The theme this year, set by the ANA, will be Numismatics--A High Road To Adventure. National Coin week was first observed in 1924,

Notes From The January Meeting

The 756th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Richard Hartzog with 21 members and three guests present. Guests David Kunca, George Lilli, and Jeffrey Olsen. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. The application for membership of David Kunca received a first reading. The applications of Jennie Sochon, Eileen Peterson, and Pricilla Grundy received second reading. Separate motions were made and passed that they be accepted into the Club. Former President Saul Needleman was presented with a plaque in honor

of his design of the Club's 750th meeting medal. Exhibitors for the evening were Gerald Anaszewicz with two coins of Axum; Harry Flower with two-pence of Great Britain and several other items; Barbara Gold-freed with the Encyclopedia of U.S. Morgan and Peace Dollars; Richard Hartzog with an art nouveau plaster plaque; Edgar W. Keller with coins of Israel; Saul Needleman with U.S. and Spanish Hard Times Tokens; Joel Reznick with coins of Israel; Jack Sim-unic with a New Zealand coin set; and Carl Wolf with 13 error Lincoln Cents.

1981 Treasurer's Report

Disbursements

Chatter---Printing and Postage.....	544.10
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Dinner Reimbursement.....	12.25
Entertainment.....	75.00
Award Plaques and Engraving.....	147.54
750yh Meeting Medals.....	772.76
ANA Building Fund Donation.....	100.00
Identification Badges.....	159.50
Chatter Editor Reimbursement.....	50.00
Secretary Reimbursement.....	50.00
Safe Deposit Box Rental.....	10.00
P.O..Box Rental.....	20.00
Secretary of State Fee.....	13.00
Refreshments.....	10.00
Postage.....	71.87
Checks and Service Charge.....	24.67
Stationary and Supplies.....	55.88
Total Disbursements.....	\$2826.87

Receipts

Interest on Savings.....	573.23
Annual Banquet Receipts.....	558.50
RARCOA Banquet Donation.....	164.00
Medal Sales.....	694.50
Identification BadgeSales.....	10.00
Donations.....	52.00
Award Engraving Refund.....	1.07
Dues.....	588.50
Total Receipts.....	\$2641.80

Summary

Total Net Worth, December 31, 1980.....	6384.34
Total 1981 Disbursements.....	2826.87
Total 1981 Receipts.....	2641.80

Total Net Worth, December 31, 1981.....6199.27

Accountable Funds

Certificate of Deposit.....	4760.53
Savings Account.....	627.81
Checking Account.....	810.93

Total, December 31, 1981.....6199.27

Respectfully Submitted
Carl F. Wolf
Secretary/Treasurer

Audited,
J. Thomas Nolan
January 27, 1982

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Nawrocki To Address Club At Chicago International Coin Fair

The Club's March meeting will not be held at the regular time and place. The Club will instead meet at the seventh annual Chicago International Coin Fair, set for March 19-21. The meeting will take place Saturday, March 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago. Featured speaker for the evening will be the Club's William Nawrocki.

The Chicago International Coin Fair is one of the most important Chicago-area numismatic events of the year. Participating will be 120 dealers of world and ancient coins and currency, including more than 20 from overseas. Countries represented include Australia, Canada, England, Holland, Italy, Japan, South Africa, Spain Switzerland, and West Germany.

A highlight of the three-day event will be a four-session auction conducted jointly by Chicago's RARCOA and the Numismatic Antiquarian Service Corp. of America, Rockville Center, N.Y.

Among the items to be offered are a Guatamala 1816 silver eight-real piece, a rare 1865 Newfoundland \$2 gold piece, and a proof 1863 Russian ruble. In addition, the auction will offer an interesting series of medals commemorating the military victories of Russian Czar Peter the Great. Lots may be viewed prior to the auction March 18 at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel.

Among this year's show activities will be a return of last year's popular educational forum "How to Invest in Coin and Currency of the World." The seminar will be moderated by the Club's Donn Pearlman. The panelists will be Russell Rulau and Jack Veffer. Mr. Rulau is editor of "World Coin News" and a contributor to "Gold!" magazine. Mr. Veffer is president of Currency Investment Management Ltd., Toronto,

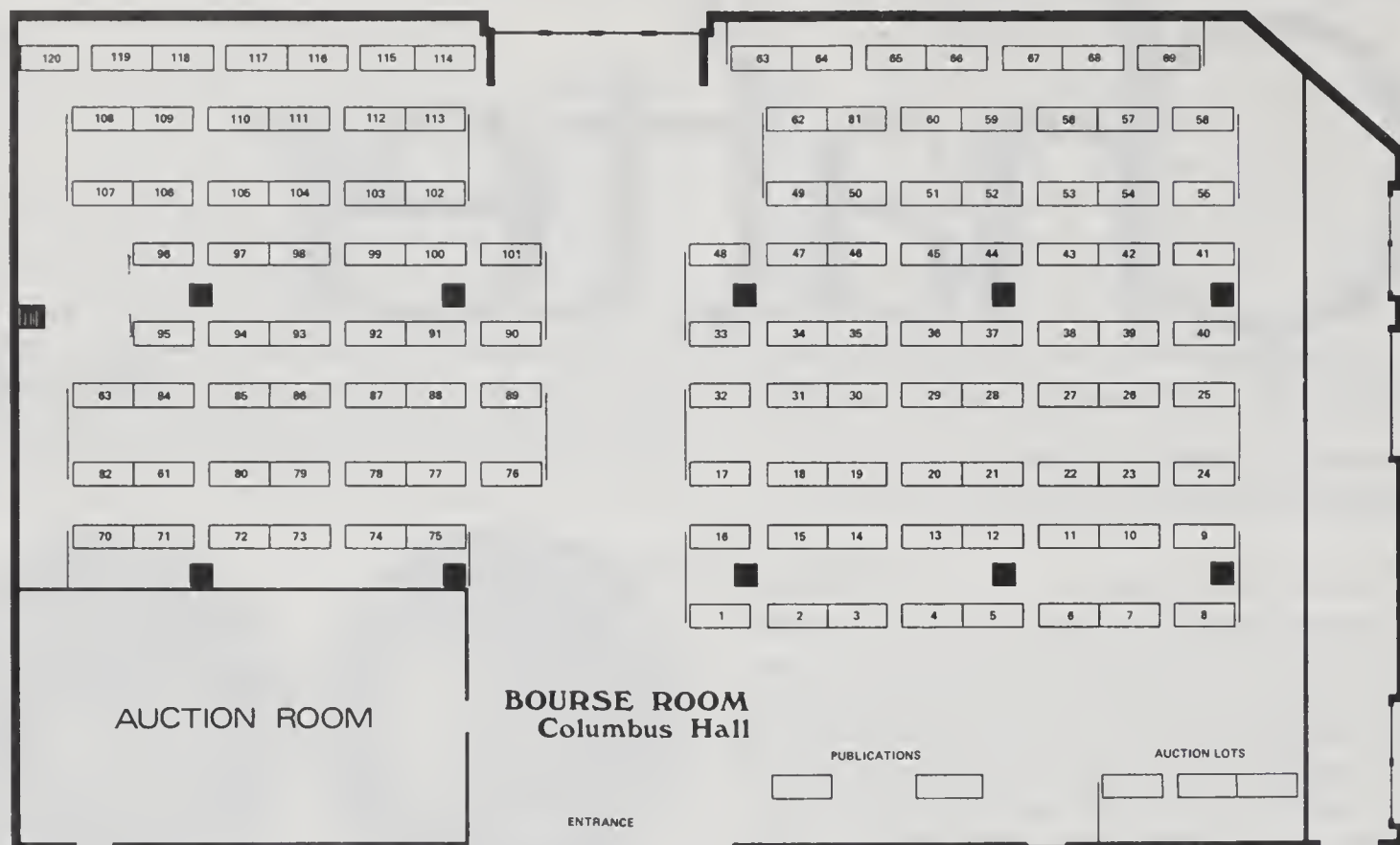


One of the offerings at the RARCOA/NASCA auction at CICF is this rare 1630 Norwegian crown of Christian IV (Dav. 3534). The auction offers more than 2,200 lots, including coins, medals, and assorted other items.

Canada, and publisher of the recently-launched "Numismatic Courier" Newspaper. Admission is free to the public.

Seven coin and currency clubs will conduct meetings in conjunction with the show. All club meetings are open to the public, and many will feature guest speakers. Wendell Wolka will discuss "Civil War Shinplasters" at the International Bank Note Society meeting. "Military uprisings in the History of Poland" will be the topic of speaker Arthur Marquart at the meeting of the Polish-American Numismatic Association. The Club's Dr. Saul Needleman will speak on "Edward II of England--An Economic-Numismatic Consideration." at the Israeli Numismatic Society of Illinois meeting.

Admission to the show is free. For a complete schedule of events, and a plan of the bourse area with exhibitor's list, see the inside pages.



1. Basilea Muenzhandel
2. Kurt Spanier
3. Christian Blom
4. Ted Uhl
5. Harlan J. Berk, Ltd.
6. M.R. Roberts
7. Davies/Bark England
8. James D. King
9. William M. Rosenblum & Assoc.
10. Richard Margolis
11. Sumner Adams
12. The Money Company
13. Mel Steinberg
14. James Warmus
15. Emporium Hamburg
16. Herb Melnick
17. Frederick Wachter
18. RARCOA
19. Spink & Son Ltd.
20. Manfra, Tordella & Brookes
21. World-Wide Coins Of Calif.
22. Juan R. Cayon
23. Birkler & Waddell Ltd.
24. Olympic Coin Gallery
25. Galerie des Monnaies Geneva, Ltd.
26. John E. Paul
27. Dolphin Coins
28. M. Louis Teller Num. Co.
29. Thomas B. Hamilton Co., Inc.
30. Preben Kolding
31. Frank L. Kovacs
32. J.J. Van Grover Ltd.
33. Hermann Haberling
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36. Sidney W. Smith & Son
37. Jess Peters
38. Mike Dunlgan
39. Numismatic Consultants
40. Baird & Co.

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42. London Coin Galleries
43. Steve Eyer
44. James & Sons Ltd.
45. Arthur Webb Ltd.
46. Frank Draskovic Co. FDC
47. Ronald J. Gillo Inc.
48. Ponterio & Wyatt
49. Superior Stamp & Coin Co.
50. Rinus Vermeulen
51. Peter Ireland (Format) Ltd.
52. Daru Coin & Stamp
53. Coins in London
54. Chelsea Coins Ltd.
55. Asmellem Ancient & Rare Coins
56. A-Z Coins, Inc.
57. Albuquerque World Coin
58. F.S. Werner
59. Owl Ltd.
60. William Donner Coin Co.
61. Colony Coin Co.
62. Jakes Marketplace, Inc.
63. Ancient Greek & Roman Coins
64. K.M. Froseth, Inc.
65. Kosen Galleries Ltd.
66. Edwin Shapiro
67. George M. Beach
68. Strand Coins (Of America) Ltd.
69. Mish Int'l. Monetary, Inc.
70. North American Numismatics
71. Edward J. Wadell, Ltd.
72. C.H. Wolf--Historical Coins
73. Collector's Den
74. David L. Lisot, Inc.
75. Karl Stephens, Inc.
76. Holland Wallace
77. Ken Forbes
78. Albert A. Tom
79. Fountainhead of Fine Coins
80. William H. Pheatt

81. James L. Contursi RC
82. American Heritage Minting, Inc.
83. Don DeVore
84. Brensara, Ltd.
85. David R. Gotkin--World Coins
86. London Coin Co.
87. Ariadne Galleries, Inc.
88. Grove Coin Co.
89. Christine Boczarska
90. Scott E. Cordy
91. Numismatic Fine Arts, Inc.
92. Colonial Coins, Inc.
93. NASCA
94. Frederick G. Weber
95. Robert E. Westfall, Inc.
96. World Coin Co. of America
97. Paul E. Garland
98. Keogh Coins Pty. Ltd.
99. Adrien Lapointe Coins & Stamps
100. Edward Smith
101. New England Rare Coin Galleries
102. Michael Peykar
103. Orientfila
104. William Mitkoff Inc.
105. Central Numismatic Galleries
106. Dynamic Coin Investments
107. Don Canaparo
108. Fragner & Fragner, Ltd.
109. Stanley Starsiak
110. Hannick's Seattle Coin Shop
111. Stephen Harvey
112. Kagin's Numismatic Investments
113. Haag's Coins, Inc.
114. Adrian Van Leeuwen
115. Hedley Betts
116. Rare Coins & Classical Arts, Ltd.
117. Dean M. Ryder Corp.
118. Scott Semans
119. Silver Dollars Reg.
120. Action Coins

Chicago International Coin Fair Schedule Of Events

FRIDAY MARCH 19, 1982

- 9:30 AM Registration Begins
- 10:00 AM Bourse Opens to Public (Columbus Hall)
- 7:00 PM First Session -- RARCOA/NASCA Auction (Columbus Hall A-B)
- 8:00 PM Morton Grove Coin Club Regular Monthly Meeting (Skyway 272)
- 8:00 PM Bourse Closed to Public

SATURDAY MARCH 20, 1982

- 9:00 AM International Bank Note Society Monthly Meeting. (Skyway 272)
- 9:30 AM Registration Begins
- 10:00 AM Bourse Opens to Public (Columbus Hall)
- 1:00 PM Second Session -- RARCOA/NASCA Auction (Columbus Hall A-B)
- 2:00 PM Polish-American Numismatic Association -- Regular Meeting. (Toronto Room)
- 3:00 PM Educational Forum: "How to Collect & Invest in Coins & Currency of the World." (Regency D)
- 7:00 PM Third Session -- RARCOA/NASCA Auction (Columbus Hall A-B)
- 8:00 PM Chicago Coin Club Regular Meeting (Skyway 272)
- 8:00 PM Bourse Closed to Public

SUNDAY MARCH 21, 1982

- 9:30 AM Registration Begins
- 10:00 AM Bourse Opens to Public (Columbus Hall)
- 11:00 AM Oak Forest Coin Club Regular Meeting (Picasso Room)
- 11:30 AM Israeli Numismatic Society of Illinois -- Regular Meeting. (Skyway 272)
- 11:30 AM Numismatics International Regular Meeting (McCormick Room)
- 12:30 PM Fourth Session -- RARCOA/NASCA Auction (Columbus Hall A-B)
- 4:00 PM Bourse Closed to Public

Chatter Box

Saul B. Needleman, past president of the Club, will be the featured speaker at the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois meeting at the Chicago International Coin Fair. His topic will be "Edward II of England, An Economic-Numismatic Consideration." The speech will take place Sunday, March 21 at 11:30 in the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Chicago.

The first MidAmerica Coin Show will take place July 30 to August 1 at the MECCA Convention Center in Milwaukee, Wisc. The event will be preceded by an evening trading session for dealers only on July 29. Charles Hoskins, director of the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau, will man a table on the bourse floor and render informal opinions on the authenticity of coins, and later lecture on the history and methods of counterfitting. Milwaukee's Hyatt-Regency Hotel is offering discount rates to dealers. For more information, contact Bill Quarles, 5464 North Port Washington Rd., Milwaukee Wisc. 53217. (414) 963-9331.

Numisco, Inc., will host a 2,000-lot auction by Lansing, Mich., dealer Joseph Lepczyk March 18 at the firm's headquarters, 1423 W. Fullerton. Featured will be 170 lots of world gold, an extensive collection of ancients, and numerous world coins. Lots will be displayed beginning at 1:00 p.m. March 17. Also scheduled by Numisco is an auction featuring an extensive collection of California gold. The auction will take place at the National Numismatic Network Coin Show, set for April 16-18 at the Sheraton O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont.

Our special thanks to CICF Co-ordinator Donn Pearlmann for providing information and materials for this issue well in advance of the show.

Past Club President Clyde Grimm Passes Away At Texas Home

Clyde L. Grimm, one of the Club's long-standing members, passed away peacefully January 5, 1982 after a short illness. Mr. Grimm was an active member during the 1940's and 1950's when the Club was one of the largest in the country. He was a giant in the Chicago numismatic community, served as a Club president from 1953 to 1954 and was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1955.

Mr. Grimm was born December 19, 1899 in Payne, Ohio, and in 1909 the family relocated to Chicago. After completing his military duty and attending business college, he was employed until 1954 as an accountant for Lyon & Healy. After suffering a

heart attack in that year, Mr. Grimm retired, and with his wife, Josephine, toured the country while maintaining a permanent address in California. Mr. Grimm was determined to live a full life and recovered from a severe stroke in 1964, even though doctors told him he would never walk again. Upon moving to Texas in 1965, Mr. Grimm remained numismatically active.

Mr. Grimm's numismatic specialty was U.S. Colonial coins. He held American Numismatic Association membership number 12280 and was a life member in the Central States Numismatic Society. He was a founder and past president of the Oak Park Coin Club, and was a member of the Austin Coin Club, the Texas Numismatic Association, and the San Diego Numismatic Society. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Josephine.

Notes From The February Meeting

The 757th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with 22 members and six guests present. Guests for the evening were: Eric Booczko, Joseph Kinczel, David Kunca, George Lill, Ronald Swenson, and Mike Williams. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as amended with Chester Poderski being added to the names of exhibitors for the evening. The January treasurer's report and the 1981 treasurer's report were approved as read. . . Following the second reading of David Kunca's application for membership, a motion was made and passed that he be accepted into the Club. The applications for membership of Eric Booczka, George Lill, and Ronald Swenson received first reading. . . A drawing was held for the Harry X Boosel 1982 Mint Set Program as several junior members brought in 1982 Lincoln Cents. Winners were: David Wiott and Jack Simunic. . . Following an announcement by President Richard Hartzog regarding the National Collectibles Exposition March 13 and 14, Ben Odesser was presented with his Richard Cabeen award as he was not present at the 1981 Annual Awards Banquet. . . The Club stood for a moment of silence in honor of Clyde Grimm, member number 437, who passed away January 5, 1982. . . The exhibitors for the evening

were: Gerald Anaszewicz with three coins of Siberia; Harry Flower with two medals of Albert Einstein and two medals of Admiral Rickover; Bill Grundy with a Canadian cent that was a cud; Judith Guyton with two Kennedy Half Dollars; Richard Hartzog with two advertising mirrors and a cardboard token; Tomas Michell with several photos of matte proofs; Saul Needleman with three medals from the Green Duck Mint; Ben Odesser with 14 unusual tokens and medals; Chester Poderski with ANA Branch Book Number 1; David Simpson with a Scottish Mark of Charles II; Jack Simunic with a Bicentennial Medal; Ron Swenson with four error U.S. cents; David Wireman with a walking Liberty Franc; David Wiott with a set of bronze medals of the 13 original states; Carl Wolf with paper money that circulated in Germany in 1923. . . A Bicentennial medal of Paul Revere was the junior exhibit prize, and won by David Wiott. . . The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

April Birthdays. . .

Charles Ryant (1st) Minnie Marshfield (3rd)
Joyce Fuqua (4th) Leif Ronning (11th) Joseph
O'Connor (8th) Rolf Knauz (16th) Arlie Slabaugh
(26th) J. Thomas Nolan (30th).

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Al. Oikonomides To Discuss Philip II At The April Meeting

Noted author and scholar Al. N. Oikonomides will be the featured speaker at the Club's April meeting. His subject will be "Portraits of Philip II."

Few recognized portraits of Philip II--the father of Alexander the Great--are thought to exist. According to currently accepted views, he did not use his portrait on his coins as other rulers of the same era did. Mr. Oikonomides will discuss three works of art that he has identified as portraits of Philip. Among these are a gold medallion discovered at Tarsos, and a marble

bust now in Chicago's Field Museum

Mr. Oikonomides is the director of the Ancient History and Archeology series of Ares Publishers, Inc., and editor of "The Ancient World," a scholarly pub-



This silver tetradrachm of Philip II (Pozzi 855) was struck in about 350 B.C. It features a laureate bust of Zeus

Adelphi University Schedules June Chicago Coin Seminar

The Institute of Numismatic and Philatelic Studies, a branch of Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y., will hold a three-day seminar on rare coin grading and authentication June 3-5 at Chicago's Illinois Institute of Technology.

The seminar is designed for the serious student of numismatics, according to Adelphi. Participants will use stereo-microscopes to gain practical knowledge in grading rare coins and determining if they are genuine.

The class will be conducted by F. Michael Fazzari, assistant director of the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau. Those completing the course will be awarded a certificate of achievement.

The cost of the seminar is \$295 per person, payable in advance. Included in the price are tuition, course materials, and lunch.

For more information, contact Gloria Greene, Institute of Numismatic and Philatelic Studies, Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y. 11530, or telephone (516) 294-8700.

lication. He is author of numerous papers, articles, and books, including "The Coins of Alexander The Great," and "Hanno the Carthaginian."

Also included in the April meeting program will be a presentation by the Club's Stewart Koppel on the grading of Lincoln Cents.

Norman Davis To Speak At Rogers Park Library

Norman M. Davis will lecture on coins and coin collecting at the Rogers Park Library in Chicago April 21. The lecture is part of the celebration of National Coin Week In Chicago, proclaimed by Mayor Jane Byrne for April 18-24.

Davis is author of "The Complete Book of United States Coin Collecting," and of the syndicated newspaper column "The Coin Box." An exhibit of coins and books from Mr. Davis' collection will remain on display through April 30. The lecture will begin at 7:15 p.m. at 6907 N. Clark St.

"Eat Gunther's Candy And You Will Be Happy."

Chicago Merchant Token A Remembrance Of An Insatiable Collector Of The Curious

By Joseph Schmidt with
Richard Eckbrecht

To many Chicagoans around the turn of the century Charles F. Gunther was known simply as "The Candy Man." However, he was also an insatiable collector and accumulator of curiosities and the like, once purchasing a framed snake skin complete with testimonials to its authenticity as a remnant of the very serpent that tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden.

German born Gunther first settled in Pennsylvania and eventually located in Peru, Ill., where he worked as a general store and drugstore clerk. Still in his early twenties, he entered the ice business with a Memphis, Tenn., firm.

The Civil War blockade put a stop to North-South trade and ended the ice business, so Gunther accepted a position as a steward on an Arkansas river steamer, the *Rose Douglas*. This Confederate troop and transport ship was eventually captured and burned in Van Buren, Ark., and Gunther---a penniless civilian with no particular allegiance to either side---made his way back to Peru, Ill. Gunther then worked as a travelling salesman for the candy wholesaling firm of C.W. Sanford of Chicago.

Gunther soon realized that to make money in this business he would have to start his own firm, which he did late in 1868, opening a small retail candy store at 125 N. Clark St. in Chicago. This venture was wiped out three years later by the Great Chicago Fire, but by 1875 he had opened another store on the street floor of the McVickers Theater Building.

The late 1870's and 1880's saw Gunther prosper, and by 1885 he had opened a second store. His caramels and candies were now famous nationwide.

Sometime during the late 1880's Gunther began collecting. The second floor of his State Street store was filled with Civil War memorabilia and other curiosities

including an Egyptian mummy and thousands of documents and manuscripts from all over the world. By 1889 Gunther and a group of partners announced the purchase of the famous Libby Prison in Richmond, Va. Subsequently the prison was dismantled brick by brick and expertly reassembled at Wabash Avenue near 14th Street, just south of the Loop.

Although many doubted Gunther's move (the war between the states was still fresh in many people's minds and the project's cost was purportedly more than \$150,000) the Libbey War Museum was an instant success, attracting thousands of visitors.

Gunther's collecting now began in earnest, his pur-

Gunther's Store Card. . .



Technically not a token because it is not "good for" anything, this store card is one of two pieces of exnumia attributed to Charles Gunther. It was struck to commemorate Chicago's 1876 American Centennial Exposition. The obverse is a "mule" and was used on at least six other store cards of the same era. The piece is listed in Joseph Schmidt's catalog "19th Century Illinois Exnumia" (C-40). It was struck in white metal, carries a rarity factor of R-7, and retails for about \$25 in circulated condition. Although exnumia of the various other Chicago expositions is quite common, material from the 1876 celebration remains scarce.

Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Eckbrecht are members of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS). This article first appeared in the December, 1981 TAMS Journal.

chases of exhibits and items greatly pleasing the public. Gunther seemed to have an unerring sense of what people would come to see. He purchased the beam by which the conspirators in the assassination of Lincoln were hanged; the telegraph used to tell the world of Lee's surrender at Appomattox; a blood stained towel placed under a dying Lincoln's head, and more. For the

Columbian Exposition Gunther tried his best to obtain an Egyptian pyramid and bring it to Chicago!

Gunther also tried his hand at politics, successfully winning an aldermanic election in 1897 and later serving as the City Treasurer, although his attempt at seeking a gubernatorial position later failed.

Tragedy struck in September of 1899 when Gunther's State Street store and factory were gutted by fire. With no insurance and no inventory much of his collection was lost. Fortunately, half was in storage elsewhere and more was on exhibition at the Great Exposition in Omaha, Neb.

His business reestablished by 1900, Gunther offered the City of Chicago his entire collection if housed properly and cared for, but the plan foundered and never left the drawing board. In 1905 Gunther sold the retail portion of his candy business, his one surviving son unable to handle the business.

Gunther now turned his talents to real estate, eventually erecting the eight-story Gunther Building in 1912. On February 20, 1920 Gunther died at the age of 83. His wife inherited his collection and taxes and probate costs as well.

Mrs. Gunther negotiated with the Chicago Historical Society for the purchase of the collection at the cost of \$150,000---about half its worth. No one really knew the extent of Gunther's holdings---large amounts were boxed or stored and much had never been examined or viewed. An arrangement was made, though, and the collection was purchased and moved to the Society in May of 1920.

Some of the items of note were the first U.S. patent issued and signed by George Washington; Washington's seal and signed will; Indian peace medals; a 1507 book which first suggested the name "America" for the North American continent, American Revolution documents; an important group of 64 Northwest Territory documents. Also found was Jefferson Davis' chair, secreatry, and table.

Of the 53 trunks examined, thirteen were filled with foreign books printed from 1500 to 1750. Months after the purchase, the Society realized it had purchased President Lincoln's piano.

"The Candy Man" is responsible for two pieces of exonumia: a combination shell card-mirror issued in the mid-1880's and the 1876 centennial token bearing the inscription that proved true to sweets fanciers nationwide for five decades: "Eat Gunther's Candy and You Will Be Happy."

Chatter Box

(The following was taken from a March 25 Wall Street Journal article on influential Washington D.C. lobbyist Robert K. Gray.)

"The third lobbying effort--it's still going on--involves, of all things, about 51 million silver and gold coins with a face value of \$425 million that would commemorate the 1984 Olympic Games. Because the profits are expected to run as high as \$300 million, big hitters are involved in the lobbying.

"Gray & Co., represents the Franklin Mint, a subsidiary of Warner Communications, Inc., which, along with Lazard Freres, the banking house, and Occidental Petroleum Corp., would market the coins. Lobbyist William Timmons and lawyer Thomas Boggs, two of the biggest lobbying names in town, represent the Los Angeles Olympic Organization, which hopes to finance the games largely through the coins.----

"Mr. Timmons, who was President Reagan's campaign director, is leaning hard on the Treasury Department, which has serious reservations about the idea. Mr. Boggs and the people at Gray & Co., are lobbying with Democratic Rep. Frank Annunzio of Illinois... he too has reservations about the coins."

The first broadcast of Donn Pearlman's new radio program "Coin Collector's Corner" aired April 3 on WBBM radio, AM 780. The program is sponsored by Jake's Marketplace and is broadcast Saturdays at 11:11 a.m. and repeated on Sundays at 8:11 a.m. It features answers to listener's questions about coins and currency.

The Club has reserved a table on the bourse floor of the National Numismatic Network Coin Show. The table will be used to recruit new members. The show will be open April 16-18 at the Sheraton O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont.

ANA Offers Young Numismatists Scholarships For Summer Seminars

Young numismatists who wish to attend the American Numismatic Association's annual Summer Seminar are invited to apply for an ANA scholarship. The scholarships are offered in a limited number, and will pay the essential costs of the seminar.

This year's 14th annual seminars will take place in three locations: Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa., June 20-26; the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Wisc., July 11-17; and Colorado College (ANA Headquarters) Colorado Springs, Col. August 1-7.

A number of scholarships have been donated by friends of the Association. Young numismatists, ages 11-17 who qualify and receive scholarships will receive a round-trip airline ticket, tuition and fees, and room and board.

ANA Governor Florence Schook has announced that young numismatists who wish to apply for a scholarship, with parental approval, should write to her for an application. The address is Florence Schook, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia MI 48154. Completed applications must be returned no later than May 15. This deadline is necessary so that final arrangements can be made between Mrs. Schook, ANA headquarters, and the applicant.

Any ANA member who wishes to sponsor a deserving young collector should contact Mrs. Schook at the above address, or the ANA Executive Vice President at P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs CO 80901.

Sponsorship of each young numismatist has been set at \$600. Being a contribution to a nonprofit educational organization, it is tax-deductible. Sponsors will get from the ANA an official receipt, and their names will be published in the Numismatist.

Notes From The March Meeting

The 758th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with 40 members and 16 guests present. Guests for the evening were Al Oikonomides, Florence Schook, Chris Van Adelsberg, Byron Johnson, Richard Butt, Irv Holms, Madeline Holmes, Barbara Shepherd, Nancy Doswell, Chet Krause, Len Stanek, Courtney Coffing, Hedley Betts, Chris Jensen, Roger Boye, and Samuel Clements. . . The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. . . Florence Schook, ANA Governor and National Coordinator of the Young Numismatist Program, briefly addressed the Club, explaining the national and local progress of the junior numismatists. . . Samuel Clements, President of the Russian Numismatic Society, explained his organization's goals and intentions and left a number of the organization's journals for distribution among the members. . . The applications for membership of Ronald Swenson, Eric Boczka, and George Lill III received a second reading. Separate

motions were made and passed that they be accepted into the Club. The junior application for membership of Christian Van Adelsberg received a first reading. . . The featured speaker for the evening was William Nawrocki who addressed the Club on the subject of the German medalist Karl Goetz. . . The exhibitors for the evening were Gerald Anaszewicz with three Russian medals of Peter the Great and Nicholas I; Joyce Fuqua with two coins with lions; Bill Grundy with an error cent; Richard Hartzog with an 1869 English temperance society badge; Chester Poderski with two encased coins of Juan Carlos; Russel Rulau with 10 Japanese lottery tickets; Jack Simunic with three Yugoslavian coins; Ron Swenson with a 1922-P silver dollar by Lyodd Wagerman; David Wireman with five F.A.O. coins; Carl Wolf with an ancient Greek coin of Seleukos I. . . Following the drawing for the junior exhibit prize, which was won by David Wireman, Russel Rulau spoke to the Club about his new catalog, U.S. Merchant Tokens, 1845-1860, and donated a copy to the Club's library. . . Mr. Rulau also donated to the Club the 10 Japanese lottery tickets used in his exhibit. . . The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Club Seeking Consignments For June Fund-Raising Auction

A fund-raising auction will be held at the Club's May meeting. Club members and guests will have an opportunity to acquire interesting numismatic items at bargain prices. The proceeds will go to the Club treasury.

Members will be asked at the May meeting to supply a list of their contributions to the auction. Appropriate items include coins, medals, tokens, paper money, books, catalogs, and the odd or unusual.

Club members who wish to contribute but will not be present at the June meeting are requested to mail items to the Club post office box. A complete list of all consignments received by mail or donated at the

May meeting will be printed in the June issue of the Chatter.

Members should keep in mind that many of the Club's junior members are in need of basic items such as reference books, and U.S. coins.

Adalbert Birkholtz Passes Away At Florida Home

Adalbert R. Birkholtz, Club member 732 passed away peacefully April 18 at his home in Largo, Fla. He had been ill for about six months.

Mr. Birkholtz was born in Chicago, June 8, 1915. At six months of age, his family moved to suburban Forest Park, where he continued to reside until his retirement to Florida in November, 1980. During his 40 year career with Wyckott Steel, he attended evening classes at Roosevelt University and became a metallurgist. In addition to coin collecting, he was a collector of sea shells and often entered them into private competitions. Mr. Birkholtz was an avid hunter and archer. It was at an archery tournament where he met his future wife Gerda in 1957.

As a member of the Chicago Coin Club, Mr. Birkholtz served as an officer, chaired many committees, and received the Club's literary award in 1974. He often conducted programs on the coinage of British East India, Germany, and the Scandinavian Countries, plus world trade dollars.

He joined the ANA in 1948 as member 15167. He was a past board member in the Oak Park Coin Club, and was awarded the Most Honored Member of the Aurora Coin Club. He received an appointment to the 1977 Assay Commission, but was unable to serve because of its cancellation.

Mr. Birkholtz is survived by his widow, Gerda, who is a past president of the Club.

Oberbilling To Speak On New Zeland Coins At May Meeting

Coins and medals of New Zeland will be the topic of featured speaker Andrew Oberbilling at the May meeting. Mr. Oberbilling, a long-time Club member, is one of the foremost experts in the field of New Zeland coinage. His presentation will be accented with slides and specimens from his personal collection.

The meeting will also feature the usual business discussion, and the ever-popular show and tell segment.

The meeting will take place Wednesday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m. at 208 S. LaSalle St., 15th floor. As usual, Club members will meet informally for dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Burghoff's restaurant, 17 W. Adams. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Edward I Of England: An Economic - Numismatic Consideration

By Dr. Saul Needleman

The penny represents a running history of England, not only in portraying the monarchs of the realm, but also in mirroring the economic conditions which prevailed at the time.

The silver penny of Anglo-Saxon standard (22.5 gr.) prevailed from the middle Anglo-Saxon period to about the time of Edward I with no competition. Actual silver content varied considerably during the intervening years, to a low of 15 gr. over the 500 year span. But the silver penny covered all the needs of the merchant community.

In 1279, during the reign of Edward I, a need was found for smaller units, i.e. the half-penny and even the "fourth-of-a-thing" the farthing. Shortly after that the larger units---2 penny (half-groat) and 4 penny (groat)---appeared. But in general, the silver penny continued to serve the commercial needs of the country, but not of the king.

With each succeeding monarch after William the Conqueror, the need for more and more pennies was spurred on by wars of defense and wars of offense against Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Normandy, and others. These wars were fought at the expense of the farmer, the merchant, and particularly the Jew, whatever his occupation.

From the early tax rolls we can conclude that the Jews were poor. The Crown was not yet so secure as to be able to contain the barons, who held their power against the king by supporting a large knightly class. Money was the essence of power in medieval England. Furthermore, there existed a struggle between the king and the church over land holdings

In the midst of this the Jews were barred from the trade guilds by church oaths of religious allegiance. They therefore turned to money lending. The Jews had no monopoly on money lending, but they were more open and honest in their dealings. They were more willing to take risks, and, accordingly, were more accessible to high and low. They became the

universal pawn brokers.

By 1130, the Jews of London were moderately well-off, and under royal protection. They could turn to the king for aid in recovery of debts. As a result, under the Angevin kings, the Jews accumulated considerable wealth, but funneled the largest part of it directly to the kings for the main occupation, war.

In their battles against the king, the church encouraged Christian money lenders to buy up debts due Jewish money lenders---at a discount---and trade them to the church in exchange for a lifetime sustenance on tax-free church lands. The Jews were then able to redeem these debts from the church at the price of conversion, or transferred loyalty from king to church.

It was at this time that mutilation of coins became widespread in an attempt to glean an extra grain of silver from each penny. This came to an end with the Trial of the Moneyers in 1124.

As a result of the trial, the king was forced to borrow large quantities of money from whomever would meet his needs. In the midst of this Henry II died and Richard I came to the throne. Even before his coronation, Richard prepared for his crusade. His need for money was enormous and he turned to a new ruse. He instigated the first instance of ritual libel (Passover Plot) in England in 1189, and then taxed the Jews for the expense of quieting the population. Finally he resorted to outright seizure of property to pay for his crusade, and then to still greater taxation of the Jews to pay for his ransom from captivity.

Henry III sought a crown for his son and paid large amounts of Jewish tax money for the crown of Sicily which was taken over by others even as Henry created still more Jewish taxes.

A new rebellion of the barons in 1266 under Edward I came at a time when special taxes on the Jews were high, economic restrictions against the Jews were greatest, and their ability to pay taxes was least. Both baron and king tried to fund their causes at Jewish expense. Again Edward I raised Jewish taxes in an attempt to pay off his debts. And when, in 1290, he was told that no more tax money was available from the Jewish community, he decreed the expulsion of the Jews from England, and confiscated all their property.

Dr. Needleman is a long-time Club member. This article was taken from his recent address to the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois.

Numismatic Community Mourns Passing of M. Vernon Sheldon

Funeral services were held March 14 in West Palm Beach, Fla., for long-time Club member M. Vernon Sheldon. Among the mourners were official representatives from the American Numismatic Association, including Lee F. Hewlitt, and Grover C. Criswell.

Mr. Sheldon passed away April 10 at the age of 81. He was Club member 166, was a member of the Club for more than 50 years, served as the Club secretary in 1937-38, and in 1956 was awarded the medal of merit.

Although his numismatic interests were wide, his specialty was ancient coins. Mr. Sheldon's administrative talents were widely known beyond the Club, and the ANA membership elected him to serve in the following offices: General Secretary, which is today's Executive Vice President 1938-44; Board of Governors 1944-47; First Vice President 1947-49, and President 1949-51.

Mr. Sheldon was responsible for the development of the ANA's Visual Education Committee in 1949 through his instigation of the system of producing plastic impression slides of coins. Furthermore it was Mr. Sheldon's personal index card file of the first 41 volumes of *The Numismatist* that became the basis and foundation of the Fifty Year Index of *The Numismatist*. Also, the present exhibit cases now used by the ANA are of his design.

Mr. Sheldon joined the ANA in 1929, No. 3547, and in 1937 became Life Member No. 49. His contributions were recognized in 1949 when he received ANA's Medal of Merit. In 1951 he was the first recipient of the ANA's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award.

In addition to his charter membership in the Central States Numismatic Society, he was a member of the Iowa Numismatic Society, the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, and the American Numismatic Society.

Mr. Sheldon is survived by his wife Marcella. His passing is indeed a loss, not only to the Chicago Coin Club, but to the entire numismatic community across the country. His dedication and the generous sharing of his time and talents will forever remain a standard for the membership to follow.

---Carl F. Wolf

Chatter Box

Club members interested in a one-day bus trip to the first MidAmerica Coin Show in Milwaukee should contact Carl Wolf as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to charter a bus. The show will take place July 30 through August 1 at the MECCA Convention Center. A highlight of the show will be a lecture on coin counterfitting methods and history by Charles Hoskins, director of the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau.

Ancient coins, medals, and U.S. coins were displayed by Club members April 22 at Thornridge High School in Suburban Dolton, Ill. The Exhibit, attended by about 30 students and a half-dozen instructors, was sponsored by the Thornridge High School Coin Club. The club's advisor is CCC's Darrell Prince. Members include three of our own junior members--Jack Simunic, David Wireman, and Eric Booczko, who also displayed their collections. Displaying numismatic material were Carl Wolf with ancient coins, Bill Nawrocki, with medals and books, and Joel O'Connor with U.S. coins. Door prizes for the event were supplied by local coin dealers.

Due to the Club's presence at the National Numismatic Coin Show last month, 30 prospective members have been contacted. Carl Wolf manned the CCC table on the bourse floor for the three day event, making contacts and promoting the Club. Complimentary copies of the Chatter have been sent out to those showing interest.

A Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Natta:

The article on Charles F. Gunther in the April issue is of interest and I think it invites a few comments. I presume that the rarity rating (R-7) given for the 1876 Eat Gunther's Candy token is based on Fuld's Civil War token rarity scale which means that between 10 and 20 are in existence. I believe it is more likely to be R-6 (between 20 and 75) and possibly R-5 (75 to 200). I've owned several specimens and if I had purchased all I could have, I'd own at least 20 myself. Although not as readily available today as they once were due to having been absorbed into the increasing number of token collectors, the total population of these pieces is no less.

It may be of interest that the specimen remaining in my collection of 19th Century Chicago tokens came from the late Ernest Jonas, a C.C.C. charter member and knowledgeable collector, who contributed a

catalog on this subject to the C.C.C. Bulletin more than 40 years ago. He sold it to me for 35 cents. Of course this was in the 1950's but it gives one some idea of how highly he rated its rarity.

On the other hand, Gunther's mirror card is quite rare. To my knowledge, Mr. Jonas never owned this piece and I was rather familiar with his collection which he began to assemble in about 1913. It was only a few years ago that I finally obtained the specimen myself.

I personally own five items associated with Gunther. In addition to the aforementioned, there are two types of Libby Prison medals from the Chicago World's Fair. In addition he had a confederate note overprinted on the reverse with his Eat Gunther's Candy advertisement. This is also a scarce item.

Arlie Slaubaugh,
Springfield, Pa.

Notes From The April Meeting

The 759th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by president Richard Hartzog with 24 members and 11 guests present. Guests for the evening were Margaret McKinley, Len Stanek, Jon Subek, Carl Subek, Al Oikonomides, Shirley & Don Valenziano, Ann & Mike Williams, and Judith & Martin Miller. . .The membership stood for a moment of silence in memory of M. Vernon Sheldon, member 166. . . President Hartzog announced that Andrew Oberbiling will be the featured speaker at the Club's May meeting. . .Members were asked to donate items for an auction that will take place at the June meeting. The proceeds will go to the Club treasury. He requested that members submit in writing at the May meeting items that they will be donating to the auction. . .Members were reminded that the Club's junior members are in need of U.S. coins, books, and numismatic journals. . .The Secretary read Coin Week proclamations from both Governor James Thompson and Chicago Mayor Jayne Byrne. . .The Club's booth at the National Numismatic Coin Show was discussed. . .Featured speaker

for the evening was Al Oikonomides who addressed the Club on Portraits of Philip II of Macedon. . .The Applications for membership of Don Valenzio, Leonard Stanek, and Mike Williams received first reading. Following a second reading of Christian Van Adelsberg's junior application for membership, a motion was made and passed that he be accepted into the Club. . .The membership expressed an interest in considering a one-day bus strip to the MidAmerica Coin Show in Milwaukee July 31, and passed a motion that the Secretary write Rep. Frank Annunzio expressing the Club's support for the ANA's position on the Olympic coin controversy. . .The Club delayed any discussion of an M. Vernon Sheldon Memorial Fund. . .Following the business meeting, Stewart Koppel addressed the Club on the grading of Lincoln Cents. . .Exhibitors for the evening were Harry X. Boosel, Harry Flower, Bill Grundy, Richard Hartzog, Stewart Koppel, Thomas Michell, William Nawrocki, Saul Needleman, Chester Poderski, Jack Simunic, Ron Swenson, Christian Van Adelsberg, and Carl Wolf.

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Minutes of June 9, 1982

The 761st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Richard Hartzog at 8:03 pm with 18 members and 6 guests present. Guests for the evening were: Reinhard Schmidt, Joseph Hudson, George Lill IV, Gerald Tucker, Charles Keltner, and Steve Keltner. The Minutes of the May meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

The applications for membership of George Lill IV and Joseph Hudson received first reading. Following the second reading of David Swigart's application, a motion was made and passed that he be admitted into the club. Barbara Goldfreed was presented with an ANA Education Award Certificate for her presentation: "Van-Mallis Morgan & Peace Dollar Encyclopedia" at the January 13 meeting.

President Hartzog lead discussions on the club exploring the possibility of involvement in a 1992 Chicago World's Fair medal, ANA Group Insurance, and the bus trip to the MidAmerica Numismatic Exposition, Milwaukee, WI, July 31, if enough people are interested. President Hartzog also requested that the membership be considerate and supportive of Larry Natta, the CHATTER editor, as he no longer has a typesetting machine at his disposal and was unable to publish the June CHATTER.

Exhibitors for the evening were: Harry Flower: a \$100 propaganda note of Henry Kissinger and a Chinese good-luck piece in facsimile of a Chinese coin; Bill Grundy: 1921-D Morgan dollar and one ounce of silver; Richard Hartzog: a Peter C. Dunn Saloon counterstamped large cent and an Omaha, Nebraska Territory token; George Lill III: ANA Certification Service; Chester Poderski: 1960 Cal-Harbor Stamp & Coin Club Fall Festival tokens; Charles J. Ryant: 1982 U.S. proof set; Carl F. Wolf: ancient Roman follis of Emperor Maximianus.

William Grundy was the winner of the Junior Exhibit drawing, a Bicentennial medal donated by President Hartzog.

Receipts of \$111.15 were taken in from an auction of items donated by the members. Chester Poderski and Joseph O'Connor were the auctioneers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

(The above information submitted by Carl F. Wolf, secretary/treasurer.)

--This is a combined issue (June/July) because the club was not able to put out the June CHATTER. We missed this issue because, shortly before the issue was to be set, we lost access to the typesetting machine we had been using. Because of the loss of the machine, the CHATTER is in a transition period. We do, however, hope to get back to a regular format shortly.

--For those who missed the May meeting: Attendance was 25 members and 6 guests. Following the announcement of the death of Adalbert Birkholz, member #732, the membership stood for a moment of silence. The featured speaker for the evening was Andrew Oberbillig, who addressed the club on the reverse designs of New Zealand coinage. The exhibitors were Gerald Anaszewicz, Harry Flower, Richard Hartzog, Saul Needleman, J. Thomas Nolan, Chester Poderski, Jack Simunic, Ronald Swenson, Don Valenziano, Chris Van Adelsberg, and Carl Wolf.

--Carl Wolf will be accepting \$12 payments at the July meeting from those who will be taking the one day bus trip to the Mid-America Numismatic Exposition at the MECCA Convention Center, Milwaukee, WI. The trip will be on Saturday, July 31; there will be 175 or more dealers at the show, and the Pabst Brewery is only a few blocks away! If you do not attend the July meeting but want to take the trip, call Carl at 454-9696.

--Bill Grundy, junior member #916, has been named as the winner of the first Rare Coin Company of America (RARCOA) sponsored scholarship to attend an ANA summer seminar. A 2 year club member, Bill is 13 years old.

--Club member Harry Flower is to be the main speaker at the next meeting of the Hillside Coin Club when it meets July 12 at 7:30 pm at Richard's Lilac Lodge, 2135 S. Wolf, Hillside. This new club meets the second Monday of each month (usually 2 days prior to the CCC meeting) and welcomes visitors. (Some CCC/HCC members have found it convenient to meet at the Lilac Lodge on CCC meeting nights and drive into Chicago in one car.)

--The ANA informs us that American Airlines is its official carrier. American Airlines is offering a 20 percent discount off the unrestricted 'Y' class seat (which goes for \$233 one way) for all ANA members planning to attend the Boston convention August 17 to 22. American promises to also review its various fares and give the lowest possible fare. You can call the AA Meeting Service Desk at (800) 433-1790, from 8:30 to 5:00 Monday to Friday. (However, you might want to check with a travel agency first to get the overall picture. Both United and Northwest Orient fly direct from Chicago to Boston, and a number of other airlines make the trip with connections.)

--According to Program Director Barbara Goldfreed, the July program will be an ANA slide presentation of "Coins and Currency of Early America." The July meeting will be held at 208 S. LaSalle, Chicago at 8:00 pm July 14. As usual, club members will meet informally for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm at the Berghoff Restaurant, 17 W. Adams.



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The 763rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be called to order at 8 PM, Wednesday, August 11, at the 208 S. LaSalle Building, 15th Floor. All members are requested to bring an exhibit.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED:

The Club is in need of a CHATTER Editor as Larry Natta has resigned for personal reasons.

As all members benefit equally with this publication, all members are requested to put forward some effort in seeking a new Editor. Do you know of a member who you feel would be a good Editor? If so, encourage him or her to volunteer their time. Perhaps both of you would be interested in sharing the duties by being Co-Editors. All Costs are covered by the Club, and as Larry has shown, there is a great deal of latitude for written expression and artistic format.

DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD, ALL MEMBERS ARE CALLED UPON TO ASSUME SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN ISSUING THE CHATTER. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED ON A MONTH-BY-MONTH BASIS. EVEN IF YOU FEEL YOUR WRITING SKILLS ARE POOR, PLEASE VOLUNTEER; DO NOT LET THIS WORK FALL UPON THE SHOULDERS OF A FEW.

Please write or speak to Barbara Goldfreed or Richard Hartzog and volunteer your time.

LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Fellow Members:

With Al's illness, I'm afraid we neglected our membership. Now, I'm beginning to get a "single" life organized. I still have problems handling Al's things, but I know that will pass with time.

I've joined the Largo Coin Club and F.U.N. and had a display July 1-4 at the Clearwater Coin Club Show. I entered German East African coins in Al's name and got a second place ribbon. My Commemorative Medals of German Churches got a first and Best of Show! That was a surprise. May now put a display into the St. Petersburg show in August. It's good to know that I haven't lost my touch with coins.

Now that school is out, I've volunteered to teach third grade on Tuesdays. Also, I will be a hostess a few days per month at Pinellas Historical Society in Heritage Park. There are twelve buildings from various areas that were reconstructed or restored. Most are gifts from groups but some are from individuals. In summer, not only visitors but many groups come to take the tours. It's only been open since 1976 and now uses only five of twenty-one acres. We will be having several festival days when all volunteers work; since I like history, it should be right up my alley.

Thanks to all of you who wrote to me and for the articles sent into the journals. I appreciated it very much. WORLD COIN NEWS just has an article. I wrote to them as we were Numismatic Ambassadors.

I'm still not gaining my lost weight back and end up pinning my work pants so I don't lose them doing yard work. I have nice neighbors and they try to help me when I can't manage it myself.

Gerda Birkholz
July 7, 1982

LOUIS S. WERNER DIES:

Louis S. Werner, member #646, died last month in New York City at the age of 87. A professional numismatist, Mr. Werner joined the Club in February, 1956 and has always been a Non-Resident Member. The numismatic community across the country mourns his passing. For more details on Mr. Werner's legendary numismatic reputation, members can read the July 28th issue of COIN WORLD.

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of July 14, 1982

The 762nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 8 PM by First Vice President Barbara Goldfreed with 19 members and 4 guests present. The guests for the evening were: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Malenowski, Reinhard Schmidt and George Lill IV. The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

Under Old Business, the one day bus trip to the MidAmerica Numismatic Expositions in Milwaukee was announced plus the possibility of a joint exhibit with the Bureau of Engraving at the 1992 World's Fair was discussed.

Under New Business, Vice President Barbara Goldfreed lead a discussion on the possibility of the Club sponsoring a coin show. It was decided that a committee would investigate this possibility and make a recommendation. Volunteers were asked to sign up after the meeting.

Andrew Oberbillig was presented with an ANA Educational Award for his presentation at the Club's May 12th meeting on the reverse designs of New Zealand coinage.

The 9 exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: the first and last coins of Peter the Great; WILLIAM BKAER: a Miller wooden nickel and a Michigan Upper Peninsula dollar; HARRY X BOOSEL: An Auction '82 catalog and an uncut sheet of two dollar bills; HARRY FLOWER: 13 Lincoln engravings on U.S. currency and 2 1982 Canadian Confederation dollars; BARBARA GOLDFREED: an 1898-S partial collared Morgan dollar; CHESTER PODERSKI: U.S. paper dollar overprinted, "Not Lawful Money"; RON SWENSON: a copy of the Brasher doubloon; DON VALENZIANO: a Chicago Civil War Token; CARL WOLF: an ancient Roman Republic denarius.

The program for the evening was ANA Slide Program #50 "Coins and Currency of Early America," which was read by William Holm.

The door prize was an 1982 Canadian Confederation dollar donated by Harry Flower and won by Harry X Boosel.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf
Secretary



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The 764th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be called to order at 8 PM, Wednesday, September 8, at the 208 S. LaSalle Building, 15th Floor, Suite 1510. All members are requested to bring an exhibit.

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of August 11, 1982

The 763rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 8 PM by Past President Saul Needleman with 15 members and 7 guests present. Guests for the evening were: Ann Williams, Glenn Hudrlik, Rob Chramosta, Sophie & Frank Malinowski and Aida & Charles Farmer. The Minutes of the July meeting were approved as read with the following addition: Frank Malinowski's application received first reading and following the second readings of Joseph Hudson's and George Lill IV's application, a motion was made and passed that they be accepted into the club. After the Treasurer's Report, a brief discussion was held regarding the Net Worth reporting.

The membership stood for a moment of silence in memory of Louis S. Werner, member #646, who passed away July 13.

General discussions were held on the following subjects: the need of a new CHATTER Editor, a club sponsored show and the Richard Cabeen bequeath. Len Stanek announced the intention of the Hillside Coin Club to bring as many members as possible to the Chicago meetings and he requested the support of the membership in helping this new club become established. Brian Stubbs reported on his trip to Krause Publication's 30th Anniversary Celebration and Harry X Boosel reported that the December Annual Banquet would be held at the Como Inn.

The applications for membership of Ann Williams, Rob Chramosta and Glenn Hudrlik received first reading. Following the second reading of Frank Malinowski's application, a motion was made and passed that he be accepted into the club.

Exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 3 coins from Lodz Ghetto; BILL BAKER: "The Western Coinages of Nero," by David W. MacDowall; HARRY X BOOSEL: 1982-83 city motorcycle vehicle tag; HARRY FLOWER: 2 bulletins and 8 medals from the French Mint; JOSEPH HUDSON: 1832 Breen 11 half-dime; GEORGE LILL III: a Bolivian propaganda coin and a counterfeit; GEORGE LILL IV: 1977 British commemorative; SAUL NEEDLEMAN: A german glass cameo, an English coin from Villa St. Edmond and a stylized Austrian ducat; CARL WOLF: a Greek Imperial coin of Otacilia Severa.

Japanese lottery tickets, donated by Russ Rulau of Krause Publication, were given to each exhibitor. Four remaining tickets were given as door prizes and were won by: George Lill IV, Dave Kunca, Saul Needleman and Ann Williams. The winner of the Junior Exhibit prize, a Bicentennial medal donated by Richard Hartzog, was George Lill IV.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf
Secretary

A growing hobby of unlimited opportunity, where the joy of discovering rare and unknown issues is a present day reality, paper money collecting is most certainly the number one hobby of the future.

-Albert Pick

HARVEY H. GOLDFREED, 1922 - 1982

Harvey H. Goldfreed, Associate #912, passed away August 14, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. A former executive of Prestige Insurance Company, Mr. Goldfreed was currently employed as chairman of the executive committee of the National Republic Bank of Chicago. He joined the club in January, 1980, although many members were very familiar with his warm and outgoing personality since 1974 when Barbara, his wife, became a member. Beside Barbara, our current First Vice President, Mr. Goldfreed is survived by two sons, Ralph and Steffan, and two sisters. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge.



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The featured Speaker for the October 13 meeting will be;

WILLIAM NAWROCKI

HOW COINS AND MEDALS ARE MADE

At the November meeting, Dr. Saul B. Needleman will speak
on The Origin of the English Penny

The 764th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Richard Hartzog at 8 PM with 20 members and 7 guests present. The guests for the evening were: Jean Bradfield, Linda Byrd, Glenn Hodrlik, Rob Chramosta, Joan Karkow, Andy Puharich and Mike Schroeder. Following the approval as read of the August Minutes and Treasurer's Report, the Minutes of the September 4th Board of Governors Meeting were read.

President Hartzog announced the death of Harvey Goldfreed (912A) and asked the membership to stand for a moment of silence.

Under Old Business the membership discussed the Richard Cabeen bequeath, the need of a new CHATTER editor and received a brief report from the Show Committee. Tillie and Harry X Boosel reported that the Annual Awards and Election Banquet will be held Wednesday, December 8, at the Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee Ave. A motion was made and passed that the cost be \$12.50 per adult and \$5.00 per junior member with a donated \$1.00 per ticket raffle to subsidize the junior's cost.

The applications for membership of Ann Williams, Glenn Hodrlik and Rob Chramosta received second reading and motions were made and passed that they be accepted into the club. The application of Jacob (Mike) Schroeder, Jr. received first reading.

Under New Business, President Hartzog announced the appointment of William Holm as Chariman of the Awards Committee and Richard Sheppard (Chariman), Chester Poderski and Stanley Kruswicki as the Nominating Committee. Gerard Anaszewicz, Roy Grundy and Mike Williams were appointed to judge the merit of a paper which was presented in the past month. It was announced that the ANA Hall of Fame is searching for p traits of J. Henri Ripstra.

The 12 exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: Tiger Tongue Money from Siam and Cambodia, Bullet Money from Siam & a one shoe piece from Japan; HARRY X BOOSEL: souvenirs from the ANA Boston Convention; ROB CHRAMOSTA: "The Gobrecht Journal"; HARRY FLOWER: 2 beer, 1 game & 4 Shell Oil tokens plus a beer can bank; BILL GRUNDY: Souvenirs from the ANA Summer Seminar; RICHARD HARTZOG: Chicago Fire U.S. Mint medal; STANLEY KRUSWICKI: 4 city vehicle plates; GEORGE LILL III: 2 1974 Khmer Republic pieces; SAUL NEEDLEMAN: Hungarian obol, a scale weight, a Machin Mill colonial coin and 2 foreign coins; CHESTER PODERSKI: a commemorative half dollar & a short explanation of how proof coins are made; MIKE WILLIAMS: 1982 Canadian proof set; Carl Wolf: a page of ancient coins from a German Encyclopedia & a short talk about the silver dekadrahm from Syracuse.

Bill Grundy was the winner of the Junior Exhibit Drawing, 10 Liberty Head nickels and doorprizes donated by Harry Flower were won by Harry X Boosel, Glenn Hodrlik and Thomas Michell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

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NOVEMBER MEETING:

The 766th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held November 10, at 8 PM in the 208 S. LaSalle Building, Suite 1510. The Featured Speaker will be Dr. Saul B. Needleman who presented in September a research paper: "The Origin and History of the English Penny." The paper has been read and judged by three members and Dr. Needleman will read it before the club at the meeting.

This is the first literary work presented to the club since at least 1979 and we would like to see more of them. Many of you have excellent writing skills and we encourage you to express your numismatic knowledge through this method.

For reference material, try your suburban and Chicago public and college libraries. You'll probably be surprised at what's there. More importantly, write to the ANA Library. Their books cover all aspects of numismatics including coins, paper money, tokens, medals, orders & decorations, and stocks & bonds. All parts of the world, ancient and modern, are included. It is the largest circulating numismatic library in the world. Approximately 7000 books in addition to 15,000 periodicals and catalogs are loaned to members without charge other than postage and insurance.

A catalog of their books, auction catalogs and periodicals was published in 1977 and can be purchased for \$4.95. A supplement was added in 1980 and can be purchased for \$2.00. Write to: ANA Library, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901 or call 303-473-9142. And let's start seeing those papers coming in!!!

DECEMBER BANQUET:

The Annual Awards Banquet and Election of Officers will be held December 8, at the Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee Ave. The cocktail hour (sodas for Juniors) begins at 7 PM, courtesy of Ed Milas at RARCOA. The banquet, served family style, begins at 8 PM. The cost is \$12.50/adult and \$5.00/Junior. Reservations are required and should be placed with Harry X and Tillie Boosel. If you are unable to attend the November meeting and wish to place your reservation, call Carl Wolf at 454-9696, Monday-Friday.

Don Valenziano is seeking numismatic material to be used as door prizes at the banquet. The plan is to sell raffle tickets to offset the banquet expense of our Junior members. Please bring your donation to the November meeting or mail it to the club's P.O. box.

There will be no exhibits and the business meeting is minimal. The Annual Banquet is primarily a social evening and presents an ideal opportunity for the members to meet the spouses who attend this once-a-year event. It's a great evening with plenty of good conversation and friendship plus food and drink. Don't miss it!!!

U.S. MINT STRIKES HALVES FOR CHICAGO COIN CLUB JUNIORS

The Harry X Boosel Mint Set Program for Junior members is nearly over. We thought 1982 would come and go without a half dollar but the mint announced that they will produce 20-25 million half dollars which will be in the hands of commercial banks well before Christmas. Keep your eyes open, Juniors! The first Junior member to bring in a 1982-P half dollar will receive a 1942 silver Walking Liberty half dollar and the first to bring in 1982-D half will receive a 1943 silver Walking Liberty half dollar. Only one other coin remains outstanding. For the first Junior to bring in a 1982-P nickel, he will receive a 1895 Liberty nickel. The last leg of the race is on!!! Who will be the enterprising Juniors that receive these coins? And will these coins be taking a long, slow nap in a Junior's Safe Deposit box before 1983 arrives?

Minutes of October 13, 1982

The 765th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by Pres. Richard Hartzog with 21 members and 1 guest present. The guest for the evening was Andy Puharich. The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Tres. Report were approved as read.

The applications for membership of Andy Puharich and Charles & Aida Farmer received first reading. A motion was made and passed that Jacob (Mike) Schroeder, Jr. be accepted into the club following the second reading of his application.

William Holm was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate for his July presentation: ANA Slide Program #50 "Coins & Currency of Early America." Rob Chramosta was the winner of 1 coin and Bill Grundy 4 coins from the Harry X Boosel 1982 Mint Set Program.

The 11 Exhibitors for the evening were: GERAD ANASZEWICZ: 3 copper coins from Russian Cauasia, Georgia; ROB CHRAMOSTA: 1873 Liberty Seated Half Dollar with closed 3 and withour arrows; HARRY FLOWER: Atomic Energy Commission token, an Austrailian 1943 Florin made into a photo piece, and a German medal of Einstein, Planek & Roetgen; BILL GRUNDY: 7 full step Jefferson nickels; RICHARD HARTZOG: 1893 enameled Columbian Exposition half dollar; GEORGE LILL III: 1857/6 Brazilian 20,000 reis (new overdate verified by ANACS); SAUL NEEDLEMAN: silver Hindu temple money, weights, and an ancient Roman coin of Gallienus; CHESTER PODERSKI: "Numismatic Scrapbook," November 1937 & a newspaper clipping; ANDY PUHARICH: a silver certificate; DAVID SIMPSON: silver Scottish groat of Robert II (1371-90); CARL WOLF: 3 Sicilian copper coins from the 3rd century B.C.

The Junior Exhibit Award, an ancient Byzantine coin donated by Charlie Wolf of Chio, was won by Bill Grundy.

William Nawrocki, the Featured Speaker for the evening, addressed the club on "The Art of Making Medals & Coins."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

OUR HERITAGE

To celebrate the Chicago Coin Club's 500th meeting on September 14, 1960, a unique medal was struck. The medal was designed by member James A. Friberg and was struck in gold, silver and bronze



of barrel contour, size 72 x52 mm. The obverse shows the world with expanding comet-like lines originating at Chicago; vertically reading CHICAGO on the left and 1960 on the right, all struck in-cuse. The top panel is the ornate Chicago water tower erected in 1869 and the bottom panel shows the building skyline, looking down the Chicago River from Lake Michigan. The 707 jet airliner projects the future to come, and is cameo struck along with the two panels. The reverse shows the figures of the occasion and the Club's corporate seal with it's Latin inscrip-



tion DOCENDO DISCIMUS (We Learn By Teaching). Silver medals were sold at \$10 each, bronze at \$5 each, and a set of three anodized aluminum at \$7.50. Information supplied by the 1969 CHICAGO COIN CLUB BULLETIN

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DOOR PRIZES NEEDED FOR THE DECEMBER BANQUET

The Club is in need of numismatic material to be used as door prizes at out banquet. The plan is to sell raffle tickets to offset the banquet expense of our Junior members. Bring your donation to the banquet. Don Valenziano will be in charge of the raffle. AND DON'T FORGET, SUPPORT THE JUNIOR PROGRAM, BUY RAFFLE TICKETS.

DECEMBER 8TH BANQUET

The Awards Banquet and Election of Officers will be held December 8, at the Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee Ave. The cocktail hour (sodas for the Juniors) begins at 7 PM, courtsey of Ed Milas at RARCOA. The family style banquet begins at 8 PM. The cost is \$12.50/adult and \$5.00/Junior member. If you have not made your reservation, call Carl Wolf, 454-9696, Mon.-Fri.

Sometimes our newer members will skip this social evening because they think that they may feel uncomfortable. They couldn't be more wrong. There will not be any exhibits and business is minimal. The banquet is a social evening and a great opportunity to fraternize with the other members and talk about coins. Don't miss it.

FRIENDS SHOULD STAY IN TOUCH

How long has it been since you've written to some of your longtime coin club friends? Do you ever wonder what they're doing or where they are?

Now is the perfect time, with the Holiday Season approaching, to sit down and write that letter that you've written so many times in your mind.

The addresses of our members are confidential but we can forward your letter. The best method is to enclose your stamped and sealed letter inside another envelope addressed to the Club's P.O. Box. All we ask is that you not take this as an open invitation to send Greeting Cards to all the members.

HELP NEEDED WITH MASSACHUSETTS HALF CENTS

Don Valenziano, member #947, is working on an update of the Hillyer Ryder rarity scale for Massachusetts half cents. Any member who feels that he can contribute to this research project should write to the Club's P.O. Box, attention: Don Valenziano. The results of Don's project will be published in the CHATTER.

J.P. MORGAN DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY

On page two of this issue are the Minutes of the November, 1909 meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society:

"Under exhibitions, Mr. W.F. Dunham showed a complete set of U.S. Cents in practically uncirculated condition and every date of gold dollars, quarter eagles, three dollars and half eagles."

The story is told of an agent hired by J.P. Morgan who approached Mr. Dunham, a druggist on Van Buren St. The agent was to purchase from Mr. Dunham a particular gold coin for J.P.'s collection. Mr. Dunham didn't want to sell and refused every offer as the agent continued to raise his price. Finally, Mr. Dunham told the agent that J.P. didn't have enough money to buy the coin and the agent left.

Every small detail may not be correct, but the story is true and illustrates how deep a collectors spirit can become.

Minutes of November 10, 1982

The 766th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by Pres. Richard Hartzog with 25 members and 6 guests present. The guests for the evening were: Charles & Aida Farmer, Andy & Micheal Puharich, Roger Hurdlik and Matt Bolton. The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

Following the second reading of Andy Puharich and Charles & Aida Farmer's applications for membership, separate motions were made and passed that they be accepted into the club.

A motion was made and passed that one set of CSNS medals from the club's inventory be placed in the December raffle. President Hartzog read letters of correspondence from Past-President Gerda Birkholz and another from ANA regarding their new film "The Trial of the Pyx." Discussions were held regarding the proposed new club letterhead, and an open letter to the President of the U.S. on the endorsed 1992 Chicago World's Fair and the 200th anniversary year of the U.S. Mint.

Chester Poderski, Stanley Kruswicki and Chairman Richard Sheppard of the Nominating Committtee released their nominations for 1983-84 officers, as follows: President: Barbara Goldfreed; First Vice President: Dr. Saul B. Needleman; Second Vice President: Gerard Anaszewicz; Governors: Roy Grundy, William Holm and Carl Wolf. Richard Hartzog, as Past-President, automatically becomes the seventh member of the Board of Governors.

The 14 exhibitors for the evening were: BILL BAKER: an ancient Roman denarius of Elagabalus (218-222 AD); HARRY X BOOSEL: 3 different 1873 sols of Peru; ROB CHRAMOSTA: 1874 type III \$1 U.S. gold piece; HARRY FLOWER: ancient Chinese spade, knife and cash coins, Chinese bamboo money, and ivory stick and a "Chicago Tribune" article on Einstein; BARBARA GOLDFREED: 2 trial pieces of H. Alvin Sharp, medalist from the New Orleans Mint; BILL GRUNDY: 1883 "no cents" V nickel; RICHARD HARTZOG: "Good for 10¢ in Trade" advertising mirror from Strohacher & Ellis; GLENN HURDLIK: overdate coinage from "Standing Liberty Quarters" by J.H. Cline; GEORGE LILL III: a counterstruck and overpunched 8 reis from Brazil; William Nawrocki: broken bank notes; DR. SAUL B. NEEDLEMAN: a Spanish coin from the Omayyad Dynasty and another from Ferdinand and Isabela; CHESTER PODERSKI: a Chinese church plaque partially made from coins, a Chinese seal ring and a 1923 gold bond on a Chicago apartment building; ANDY PUHARICH: 1928 G seies two dollar bill; CARL WOLF: an ancient Roman coin of Constantine I.

Rob Chramosta was the winner of the Junior Exhibit drawing, an ancient Roman coin of Constantine I which was donated by Claude Amsellem of Rye, NY.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf
Secretary/Treasurer

A NOTE FROM LEE F. HEWITT

Lee F. Hewitt, former Editor and Publisher of Chicago-based NUMISMATIC SCRAPBOOK, wrote a short note with his 1983 dues. He states that next year he will receive his 50 year medal from ANA and he asked which members have been with the club the longest. Listed below are all members whose membership number is 500 or less.

1. Leif Ronning	#116	9. Paul Pennington	#321
2. Lee F. Hewitt	215	10. Charles J. Ryant, Jr.	369
3. Harry X Boosel	239	11. Aubrey E. Bebee	373
4. Walter White	243	12. Edgar W. Lister	386
5. Bruno Marek	256	13. Richard Yeoman	396
6. Paul Brumm	264	14. Joseph Merkel	400
7. Pearl Kopicki	303	15. Glenn Smedley	443
8. Harold R. Klein	306	16. Matthew F. Wojtaszek, Sr.	481

Our newest member was assigned #959 at our November 10th meeting, so this should give everyone some concept of how far we've come. The applications of the first five members are in the archives, however, Mr. Brumm's application shows that he joined July 3, 1935 and Mr. Wojtaszek became a member at the March 3, 1948 meeting. All others joined sometime between these dates.

OUR HERITAGE

The Chicago Numismatic Society was the first numismatic organization in the city. Although it had no official connection with the Chicago Coin Club, some of the Club's founding members were active in the group which provided the experienced leadership for the Club. The Chicago Numismatic Society produced a series of beautiful medals during its twelve years of existence. Among them was the fine one by J. Henri Ripstra, depicting the Athenian owl on its obverse (see the Society logo below), that was given to the founders and to each new member who joined in the succeeding year.

At the Rochester, NY ANA convention in 1912, the Association authorized local coin club branches. Branch No. 1 was organized quickly at the convention, the first meeting held in Chicago on November 12, 1912 with 13 members present. Well-known coin dealer Ben Green was elected president. In January, 1914, Branch No. 1 ceased to function when Mr. Green, the organization's sparkplug, died.

From that time until early 1917 there was no organized coin club in the Chicago area. Branch No. 1 was reorganized and held its first meeting February 7, 1917, with a membership of ten and dues of 25¢ a year. Membership in Branch No. 1 was restricted to ANA members but as the number of coin collectors interested in a local club affiliation increased, Branch No. 1 was reorganized into the present Chicago Coin Club. 1969 CHICAGO COIN CLUB BULLETIN

Chicago Numismatic Society



The 70th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, November 5th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Ripstra, Mayer, J. T. Kelly, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Jaeger, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Tuckerman, Holmes, Baker, Williams, Loer and Doctors Bert and Merrill.

A communication was read from Farran Zerbe, President of the American Numismatic Association, announcing the appointment of Mr. Virgil M. Brand, of our Society, as a representative of the American Numismatic Association to the International Numismatic Congress to be held in Brussels, Belgium, next year.

A communication, accompanied by the Look, was received from Mr. Edgar H. Adams, presenting the Society with a copy of his late work on "The Values and History of U. S. Private and Territorial Gold Coins." The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge same, with the thanks of the Society.

On motion Mr. Brand was requested to write to Mr. De Witt in regard to enrollment at the Brussels Congress.

The Committee on Medallion Production reported in favor of issuing a medal commemorating the arrival of the gunboat Nashville in these waters, submitting drawings and estimates for the striking of same. On motion the committee was authorized to proceed to have the medals made in bronze and silver.

A motion was carried, making the Committee on Medallion Production permanent, a committee of three to be appointed at each annual meeting.

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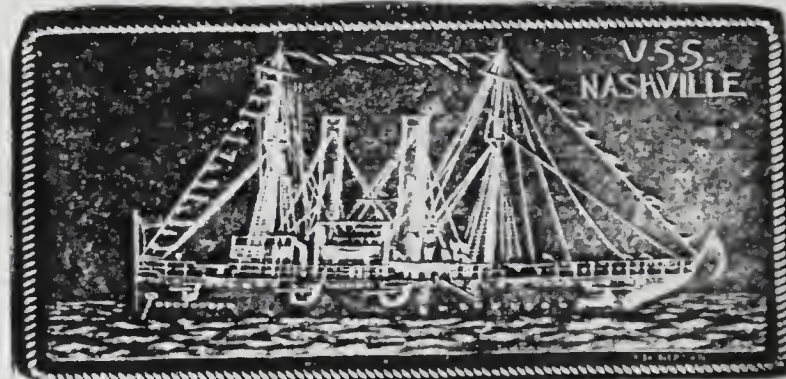
Mr. V. M. Brand exhibited a Japanese oban, 2 Paduan medallions in silver and bronze, gold patterns of the English cartwheel series and a ten-dollar Templeton Reid gold piece.

Mr. Williams showed varieties of ducats of Louis Napoleon, struck for Holland; and Mr. Verkler several Greek silver pieces.

Magazines received since last meeting were Mehl's Numismatic Monthly, Spink's Circular, Numismatischer Verkehr and Philatelic West for October, and the Numismatist for September, October and November. Auction catalogs from Elder, Hirsch, Low, Mehl, St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., and of the Dr. Stroehlin Collection, Geneva, Switzerland, the latter by courtesy of Spink & Sons; and a priced catalog from Low.

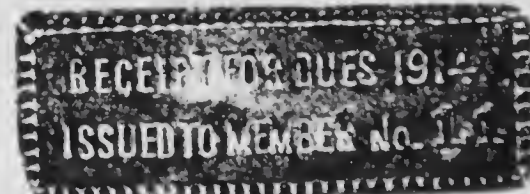
Adjourned to meet December 3rd, 1909.

BEN G. GREEN, Secretary.



Chicago Numismatic Society Medal 1909
Arrival of U.S.S. Nashville in Chicago Harbor

Thanks to Michael M. Dolnick, #592, for mailing MEHL'S NUMISMATIC MONTHLY, December, 1909, from which the 70th meeting minutes was taken. See the other side for ads on some good "sleepers!"



The metallic membership card shown here served as a receipt for dues also and each member's number was counterstamped on the card.

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MEHL'S NUMISMATIC MONTHLY December 1909

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